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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SEVENTH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Ms. Joanna DARMANIN (Malta)

1. At its 24th meeting, on 19 May 1997, the Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Cameroon, Croatia, Germany, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Philippines, Senegal, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 22 May 1997.

3. Ms. Joanna Darmanin (Malta) was elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 21 May 1997, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, as orally amended during the meeting, formal credentials by the head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by any person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 57 States participating in the Seventh Meeting of States Parties: Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belize, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania,

Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, as orally amended during the meeting, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Seventh Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities by the following 31 States participating in the Seventh Meeting of States Parties: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Egypt, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Ireland, Lebanon, Mali, Mozambique, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Spain, Togo, Tunisia, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia.

7. The Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Secretariat, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the Seventh Meeting of State Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 21 May 1997, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee,

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned."

8. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

9. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"The Seventh Meeting of States to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"Approves the report of the Credentials Committee."

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Seventh Meeting of States Parties.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Seventh Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives of the Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"The Seventh Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"Approves the report of the Credentials Committee."